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August 29, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: GN Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

The City of Napa, CA, America's premier winegrowing region and international destination for wine-loving travelers, is a city that caters to sophisticated visitors who are often highly-dependent on smartphones and other broadband wireless devices for staying in touch with their home base.

Tourism is the linchpin of Napa's economy, along with the wine itself, and it drives the development of new properties such as the Westin Versa and Avia hotels. These guests come with an expectation that our services are state-of-the-art. In terms of connectivity speed, that translates as *fast*. In terms of performance, that translates as fewer dropped calls.

The nationwide merger planned between AT&T and T-Mobile USA will bring faster and more reliable mobile wireless network service to more rural and agricultural regions of California, including ours, and it is the quickest way to accomplish expanded access and faster speeds.

Another extremely important aspect of mobile broadband network service is its role in emergency situations. When the Napa River floods as it did most recently in 2005,

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wireless connections were a matter of life and death. The merger combines the networks of AT&T and T-Mobile USA to significantly increase the availability and reliability of service in emergencies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jill Techel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the first "T".

Jill Techel, Mayor
City of Napa, CA